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1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) OFFICER CONTACTED US ON
6 JANUARY, NOTING THAT THE IS WAS PREPARING TO DRAFT
COUNTRY CHAPTERS FOR THE 1979-1984 FORCE PROPOSALS REVIEW,
AND ASKED FOR WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON THOSE 1979-1984
FORCE PROPOSALS DIRECTED AT THE UNITED STATES, AS REQUESTED
EARLIER BY ASYG MUMFORD (REF A). WE RESPONDED INFORMALLY
THAT US VIEWS WERE BEING PRESENTED IN THE CURRENT MILITARY
COMMITTEE (MC) REVIEW OF THE FORCE PROPOSALS AND FURTHER
COMMENT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE MC
REVIEW PROCESS (END JANUARY - REF B) AND COMPILATION OF
FINANCIAL DATA BY THE IS.

2. MUMFORD'S DESIRE TO "GREASE THE SKIDS" BY INCORPORATING
NATIONAL VIEWS INTO THE IS DRAFT CHAPTERS IS UNDERSTANDABLE
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BUT WE QUESTION, AS ABOVE, WHETHER WE CAN PROVIDE THE IS
WITH ANY FURTHER COMMENT, BEYOND THAT BEING HANDLED THROUGH
THE MC REVIEW, ON RELEVANT FORCE PROPOSALS UNTIL THE IS
HAS PLACED A CONSOLIDATED PRICE TAG ON THE US PROPOSALS
AND HAS ASSESSED THE "CHALLENGE."

3. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USDELMC, WE UNDERSTAND THAT,

ASIDE FROM EDITORIAL CHANGES, THE JCS CAN ACCEPT THE
MILITARY VALIDITY OF THE FORCE PROPOSALS DIRECTED AT THE
US.

4. SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE TO
RESPOND TO MUMFORD'S REQUEST ALONG THE ABOVE LINES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. GLITMAN

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